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Serial No.: Continuation of 09/196,912	§	
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	§	
RECONNECTING A MOBILE	§	
STATION TO AN EMERGENCY	§	
OPERATOR	§	

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Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, prior to the first sentence, insert the following: --This application is a Continuation of U. S. Serial Number 09/196,912, filed November 20, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-13 and add the following new claims 14-26.

--14. A method of automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the method comprising:
detecting that said call has been dropped;

determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network; and

responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network and regardless of a reason for said call being dropped, a mobile switching center ("MSC") of said RF communications network reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.

16. The method of claim 14 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

17. The method of claim 14 wherein said reestablishing comprises said MSC dialing back said mobile unit.

18. A mobile switching center ("MSC") for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party connected to a public switched telephone network ("PSTN") after said call has been dropped, the MSC comprising software instructions executable by said MSC for:

detecting that said call has been dropped;

determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network; and

responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network and regardless of a reason for said call being dropped, reestablishing a connection with said mobile unit, thereby to reestablish said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

19. The MSC of claim 18 wherein said software instructions for determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.

20. The MSC of claim 18 wherein said software instructions for determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

21. The MSC of claim 18 wherein said software instructions for reestablishing comprise software instructions for causing said MSC to dial back said mobile unit.

22. Apparatus for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency (:RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the apparatus comprising:

means for detecting that said call has been dropped;

means for determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network; and

means responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network for reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party independently of any reason for said call being dropped.

23. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.

24. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

25. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said means for reestablishing comprises means for dialing back said mobile unit.

26. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said called party is connected to said RF communications network via a public switched telephone network ("PSTN").--

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were previously pending in the parent application. These claims have been canceled and claims 14-26 have been added.

The filing fee has been calculated according to the above amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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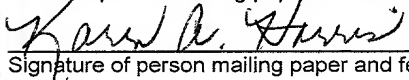
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